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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MARITIME
JURISDICTION

REF: (A) SANTO DOMINGO AIRGRAM A-28 OF MARCH 10, 1977
(B) STATE 039937

1) REF (A) HAS ONLY RECENTLY COME TO ATTENTION OF DEPT.
OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF U.S. 200-MILE
FISHERY CONSERVATION ZONE.

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2. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, USG PUBLISHED COORDINATES IN FED-
ERAL REGISTER ON MARCH 7, 1977, SETTING FORTH LIMITS OF US
FISHERY CONSERVATION ZONE. IN AREA BETWEEN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
AND PUERTO RICO, PUBLISHED LINE WAS DEVELOPED USING THE
PRINCIPLE OF EQUIDISTANCE GIVING FULL EFFECTS TO ISLANDS.
TECHNICALLY, A COMPUTER PROGRAM AND MOST RECENTLY AVAILABLE
LARGE SCALE CHARTS WERE UTILIZED TO ESTABLISH USG PUBLISHED

POINTS.

3) DEPT. OFFICIALS NOTE THAT GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES SET FORTH IN REF (A) DO NOT CORRESPOND TO USG CALCULATIONS AND CREATE AREAS OF OVERLAP BETWEEN THE US AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC CLAIMED ZONES, AND ALSO CREATE LARGE AREAS TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH OF PUERTO RICO AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

WHICH NEITHER SIDE CLAIMS. DEPT. DOES NOT BELIEVE THESE DIFFERENCES REFLECT ANY DIFFERENCE IN PRINCIPLE BETWEEN THE USG AND GODR BUT DEPT. IS HARD PRESSED TO EXPLAIN THE REASONS FOR THE LARGE DIFFERENCES WHICH SEEM TO EXIST ON WHERE THE LINE SHOULD BE. ALTHOUGH USG CALCULATIONS THEMSELVES MAY CONTAIN ERRORS OR BE SUBJECT TO INTERPRETATION, AND CERTAIN TECHNICAL ISSUES MAY REQUIRE NEGOTIATIONS, DEPT IS INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT PRESENT DIFFERENCES ARE BASICALLY DUE TO IMPRECISE CALCULATIONS ON GODR'S PART, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE OF THE SCALE AND ACCURACY OF THE CHARTS BEING UTILIZED, AND OTHER TECHNICAL VARIABLES.

4) DEPT. WANTS TO AVOID, IF POSSIBLE, CONTENTIOUS OR DIFFICULT NEGOTIATION WITH GODR ON BOUNDARY ISSUE, AND WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE THE COORDINATES REPORTED IN REF (A) BECOME A PART OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC LEGISLATION, MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO MOVE AWAY FROM THOSE COORDINATES IN NEGOTIATION OF A FUTURE BOUNDARY AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. DEPT THEREFORE BELIEVES IT ESSENTIAL THAT ISSUE BE RAISED WITH GODR. IT MAY BE USEFUL, AND DEPT. WOULD BE PLEASED TO SEND TECHNICAL TEAM TO SANTO DOMINGO WITHIN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEXT FEW WEEKS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH GODR EXPERTS. PURPOSE WOULD BE TO DETERMINE (A) THE REASONS FOR DIFFERENCES IN THE COORDINATES; AND (B) TO EXPLAIN TO GODR THE BASIS FOR USG PUBLISHED LINE, AND (C) HOPEFULLY PERSUADE GODR OFFICIALS TO ADOPT A LINE MORE CLOSELY AKIN TO OUR OWN. USG TECHNICAL EXPERTS WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH GODR OFFICIALS OTHER BOUNDARY AREAS OF THE DR ZONE AND GIVE GODR OUR VIEWS ON HOW TO CONSTRUCT AN EQUIDISTANT LINE IN THOSE AREAS. THESE DISCUSSIONS COULD BE VALUABLE PRELUDE TO SUBSTANTIVE BOUNDARY NEGOTIATIONS.

6) EMBASSY SHOULD ASSESS PRESENT STATUS OF THIS COMPONENT OF PENDING GODR LEGISLATION AND USEFULNESS OF A VISIT BY USG TECHNICAL TEAM. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES SUGGESTED CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE USEFUL, TOPIC SHOULD BE RAISED WITH GODR AND AVAILABILITY OF DATES WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS SHOULD BE DETERMINED.

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